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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ITALY: AGNELLI FORESEES PERIOD OF RETRENCHMENT

DURING A RECENT CONVERSATION AT EMBASSY ROME, AMBASSADOR
VOLPE ELICITED FIAT CHAIRMAN GIANNI AGNELLI'S OBSERVATIONS
ON THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SCENE:

--CONTRARY TO POPULAR SPECULATION, THE ANDREOTTI GOV-
ERNMENT COULD POSSIBLY SURVIVE FOR TWO YEARS.

--SINCE THE PCI'S INVESTMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT IS SUB-
STANTIAL, THEY WILL PROBABLY TRY TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR
POSITION RATHER THAN HURRY THE GOVERNMENT'S DOWNFALL.

--THE DC AND THE PCI WILL FIND IT IN THEIR MUTUAL
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INTEREST IF THE PSI REMAINS OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT

FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD.

AGNELLI QUESTIONED ANDREOTTI'S COMMITMENT TO REFORM AND REJUVENATION OF THE DC, NOTING THE APPOINTMENT OF MANY OF HIS INNER CIRCLE UNDERSECRETARY POSITIONS. AGNELLI DID,

HOWEVER, IDENTIFY INTERIOR SECRETARY COSSIGA AS BEING A POTENTIALLY INFLUENTIAL AND POPULAR DC FIGURE. (CONFIDENTIAL) ROME 13023, 8/11.)

2. USSR-LEBANON: "NOT ALL THE FUEL IS BURNED"

O.A. GRINEVSKIY, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE MFA'S NEAR EAST DIVISION, TOLD EMBASSY MOSCOW THAT "NOT ALL THE FUEL IS BURNED IN LEBANON," AND THAT NO SOLUTION WILL BE POSSIBLE UNTIL EVENTS HAVE RUN THEIR COURSE. IN HIS VIEW:

--ARAFAT IS STILL THE DOMINANT PLO LEADER, DESPITE INTERNAL PLO PROBLEMS AND SETBACKS IN LEBANON.

--LITTLE PROGRESS ON AN OVERALL MIDEAST SETTLEMENT WILL BE POSSIBLE UNTIL AFTER THE US ELECTIONS AND AFTER LEBANESE EVENTS HAVE RUN THEIR COURSE.

--IF THE US AND USSR CAN AGREE ON CHANNELS FOR DISCUSSIONS OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT, THEN ALL OTHER PROBLEMS, SUCH AS PLO ATTENDANCE DURING PRELIMINARY STAGES, ARE SOLUBLE.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE HE DID NOT SAY SO SPECIFICALLY, GRINEVSKIY IMPLIED THAT THE SOVIETS MAY BE CONSIDERING AN INITIATIVE ON LEBANON AT THE NEXT UNGA, AND, AT THE LEAST, ARE PREPARING FOR DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 12633, 8/11.)

3. SAG ON THE HORNS OF A SOWETO II DILEMMA

AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE SAG'S STRATEGY OF CONFINING RACIAL VIOLENCE TO THE TOWNSHIPS AND INTRANSIGENCY IN REFUSING TO NEGOTIATE WITH BLACK GROUPS UNTIL ORDER IS CONFIDENTIAL

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RESTORED, EMBASSY PRETORIA BELIEVES SEVERAL ASPECTS HAVE COME INTO SHARPER FOCUS AS A RESULT OF SOWETO II.

--THERE IS A DANGER THAT IN AN EFFORT TO POLARIZE BLACK ADULT OPINION, MILITANT YOUTHS WILL RISK MORE SERIOUS CONFRONTATIONS WITH WHITE AUTHORITIES.

--NO LEADERSHIP HAS EMERGED FROM THE TRADITIONAL STU-

DENT GROUPS; RATHER THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF SPONTANEITY IN THE INCIDENTS, WITH YOUTHS SEEKING TO DISPLAY THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE BLACK PROTEST MOVEMENT IN SOWETO.

THE SAG HAS SHOWN NO WILLINGNESS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS WHICH COULD COMPROMISE AFRIKANER SUPREMACY. THERE IS GREATER AWARENESS THAT THE DISTURBANCES HAVE CAUSED A DECLINE IN THE FLOW OF FOREIGN CAPITAL, BUT THE CONCERN HAS NOT REACHED THE POINT WHERE IT IS PROVOKING A REASSESSMENT OF DOMESTIC RACIAL POLICY. (CONFIDENTIAL) PRETORIA 3350, 8/11.)

4. ISRAELI-LEBANESE BORDER COOPERATION

EMBASSY TEL AVIV REPORTS THE ISRAELIS ARE CLEARLY PLEASED WITH THE RENEWED CONTACT BETWEEN THEIR DEFENSE FORCES AND THE LEBANESE ARAB ARMY (LAA). ACCORDING TO MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL AVINERI, THE CONTACTS, WHICH WERE RESUMED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE LAA, PROVIDE RECIPROCAL EVIDENCE THAT NEITHER SIDE CONTEMPLATES MILITARY ACTIVITY AGAINST THE OTHER. DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE OF SHARED CONCERN ABOUT EXCLUDING SYRIAN MILITARY FORCES FROM THE BORDER AREA.

EMBASSY COMMENT: ISRAEL CAN BE COUNTED ON TO TAKE ANY STEPS TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF TERRORISM ORIGINATING FROM SOUTH LEBANON AND ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF A PEACEFUL BORDER. (CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 5495, 8/11.)

5. LIBYA QUESTIONS SENATE TUNISIA RESOLUTION

THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT SIGNALED ITS DISPLEASURE WITH THE US SENATE'S RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR TUNISIA'S PRESIDENT
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BOURGUIBA BY MAKING A LOW-KEY PRESENTATION TO CHARGE CARLE. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF THE RESOLUTION'S INTENT AND SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE PURPOSE WAS TO SOW DISSENSION BETWEEN BROTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. (CONFIDENTIAL) TRIPOLI 1085, 8/11.) KISSINGER

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